

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A fingerprint collating device and a fingerprint collating method which can prevent an illicit use of fingerprint. The fingerprint collating device includes fingerprint reader for reading a user's fingerprint to create read fingerprint information, and to create read hysteresis information indicating that the read fingerprint information has been created, read hysteresis storage for storing the read hysteresis information, and collator for collating the read fingerprint information with the registered fingerprint information to effect personal authentication and output a result of authentication when the read hysteresis information is stored in the read hysteresis storage.